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FORMER PWD DIRECTOR GLORIA DIZMANG APPOINTED, **SWORN IN TO REPRESENT DIV. 3**

Palmdale, CA – Gloria Dizmang, a former Palmdale Water District (PWD) Board director, was sworn in Tuesday night following her appointment by the Board to fill the vacant seat for Division 3.

In a unanimous 4-0 vote, the Board chose Director Dizmang to replace former Director Marco Henriquez, who resigned in March. Director Dizmang and Linda Godin, who also is a former director, were the only two applicants for the position. The Board interviewed each candidate in a special meeting Tuesday.

"I am extremely pleased and honored to once again be on the PWD Board," Director Dizmang said. "It's wonderful to be back in familiar territory. I look forward to working with my fellow directors and representing the ratepayers."

Director Dizmang was immediately sworn in to office by attorney Eric Dunn of Aleshire & Wynder LLP, PWD's general counsel.

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"It was a very tough decision because we had two outstanding, very qualified candidates," said Board President Vincent Dino. "We are excited to have Director Dizmang return and continue to be a strong voice for our customers."

According to state law, the Board had until May 14 to appoint a new director or call a special election. Director Dizmang will fill the seat until the November 2020 elections. She will be eligible to run for the seat at that time.

The new director served on the PWD Board for one term from 2012-2016. She lost her seat to former Director Henriquez. During her first term, she was instrumental in starting PWD's Rate Assistance Program, which offers a 50 percent credit of the monthly service fee to eligible seniors 62 and older, veterans of any age and low-income families. The program, which began in 2015, is still available today.

Director Dizmang has lived in the Antelope Valley since 1965. She was an educator and administrator for the Antelope Valley Union High School District for 36 years and continues to teach as an adjunct professor for A.V. College.

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